

***Missouri***  
***Special Education***  
***Improvement Plan***  
***July 2003***

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Mr. John Edwards and  
Ms. Angela McCaskill  
Office of Special Education Programs  
U. S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave, SW  
Switzer Building  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Edwards and Ms. McCaskill:

Enclosed is the Missouri Improvement Plan for Special Education. This document is being forwarded to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on behalf of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) and the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC).

This Improvement Plan represents the work of special education stakeholders throughout the state. The Improvement Plan includes the priorities identified by the SEAP and SICC and includes the areas of noncompliance identified in the OSEP monitoring report.

This plan will become the basis for activities to improve outcomes for all infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Missouri

Sincerely,

Melodie Friedebach, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Special Education

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